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PRICE FIVE CENTS.

NOT TO GO IN THE TAX LEVY.

THE COMMITTEE WILL IGNORE THE MILLION-DOLLAR INCREASE.

To Join with Other Towns in Contesting the Legality of the County Board's Action—Other Matters Before the Township Committee.

Township Treasurer G. Lee Stout presented his monthly statement of the township accounts at the Committee meeting on Monday afternoon. The balance on hand at the beginning of July was \$7,501.63; received from the collector during the month, \$1,000; disbursements during July, \$7,423.56; total disbursements for the current year to the end of July, \$19,202.25; balance in treasury, \$1,759.07. Bills aggregating several thousand dollars were ordered paid on Monday afternoon, and in order to meet the demand on the treasury it was decided to have the township note for \$10,000 discounted in anticipation of taxes.

Assessor Baxter appeared before the Committee and gave an account of his experience at the meeting of the County Board of Assessors, the substance of which was published in THE CITIZEN last week. The Committee directed the Assessor to omit from the tax levy this year the one million dollars increase imposed on the town by the County Board, and also directed Township Counsel Barrett to co-operate with the counsels of the other townships that propose to resist the action of the County Board.

Another long discussion took place over the relation of the Mountaineer Hospital to the township; it was occasioned by the statement of Overseer of the Poor C. L. Voorhees that he had experienced difficulty in getting Theodore Smith admitted to the hospital, the matron having declined to admit him without a permit from either Mrs. Anzi Dodd or Mrs. Dr. W. H. White. Messrs. Beach, Gilbert, and Stout expressed differing views on the subject. Mr. Stout was appointed a committee of one to confer with the Hospital Association and settle on a definite policy to be pursued in relation to township patients. The bill for the care of Ann Snyder at the hospital, amounting to \$175, was ordered paid.

The fire ordinance was adopted and ordered published. The changes in the ordinance relate to the percentage of duty to be performed by out-of-town firemen in order to be eligible to the benefit of exemption from taxation. The ordinance provides that "O. T. S." shall perform at least 65 per cent. of duty between the hours of 7 P. M. and 1 A. M. The other change relates to leave of absence. Members contemplating temporary absence from town must apply to the foreman of their company for ticket of leave in order to be excused.

Walland S. Cooper tendered his resignation of the office of Superintendent of the Fire-Alarm System. The Committee endeavored to persuade Chief Engineer Johnson to assume the duties of the office, but Mr. Johnson declined. The selection of a successor to Mr. Cooper was left in the hands of the Fire Committee.

In view of the fact that Montclair will not macadamize Lincoln Street and Glen Ridge Avenue this year, a change will probably be made in the plan of work laid out by the Road Committee at the beginning of the year. The Committee will macadamize about 290 feet of Lincoln Street, west from Ridgewood Avenue, and at the suggestion of Mr. McGowan the macadam will be laid from curb to curb.

County Engineer James E. Owen was selected to inspect the work of Messrs. Olmsted & Cady under the contract for surveying the streets and locating monument stones. One hundred additional monument stones were ordered. Mr. Rayner reported that a county survey of Washington Street was not the full width of the street. The clerk was directed to notify the Board of Freeholders that the Committee desired the culvert extended.

Mr. Stout and Town Counsel Barrett were appointed a committee to effect a settlement with C. W. Powers for arrears of taxes amounting with interest to about \$1,700.

A communication from Johnson & Plich, lawyers, notified the Committee that the necessary legal proceedings for vacating Lloyd Avenue, Rossville Avenue, and Marble Street had been taken, and the streets were now vacated. The matter was referred to the Township Counsel.

The streets in question were a part of the Watessing Land Company's system. Engineer Olmsted submitted a map of the Montgomery Street bridge property. The proposition to extend the water main through Macola Avenue to Ridgewood Avenue was reconsidered, and will not be carried out at present.

The sidewalk assessments of E. N. Williamson and Fred Pullman were reported unpaid. If not paid by the 30th inst., they will be placed in the hands of counsel for collection.

The clerk was directed to communicate with Charles Lehman of Newark in regard to the cost of repairing the ballot-boxes used at elections. The boxes are patented and Mr. Lehman is the agent for them.

SAD DROWNING ACCIDENT.

Little "Chrisie" Wright Falls Into the Canal—Her Body Recovered Yesterday.

Mrs. M. Wright of Oxford Street, Brooklyn, accompanied by her eight-year-old daughter Christina, came here a short time ago to visit Mrs. Ann Durr of No. 26 Almira Street. Last Friday Mrs. Wright returned to her home, leaving "Chrisie" to stay a few weeks longer. On Thursday afternoon at four o'clock Chrisie was seen near the canal, at the foot of the street, watching some small boys who were bathing. That was the last seen of her alive. When darkness set in and the child did not appear, Mrs. Durr became alarmed, instantly divining that something serious had happened to her. The police were notified, and they in turn sent out a general alarm.

At one o'clock yesterday afternoon as John Collins of Broad Street was crossing the bridge at the foot of Maple Street, he saw the body of a child floating in the canal. Assisted by Thomas Finerty, who resides close by, the body was taken out and carried to Mr. Finerty's residence, after which Undertaker Keyler took charge of it. The child was particularly bright, and the mother, who is a widow, is heartbroken over her loss.

Preparing for Field Day.

Bloomfield Division, U. R. K. of P., held a special meeting last Wednesday evening in the rooms of the Bloomfield Building and Loan Association, and appointed a committee to make the necessary arrangements to hold Field Day in Bloomfield on Wednesday, October 5. This is a great day among Knights of Pythias, and at the last Field Day, held in Plainfield in September, there were 5,000 people in attendance. It is expected that fully this number will come to Bloomfield in October, and the local Knights will have no small task in entertaining them. The competitive drills will probably be held on the Glen Ridge Outing grounds on Lincoln Street, and the day's festivities will wind up with a grand picnic held in Glenwood Park. Bloomfield's citizens should assist the Knights in entertaining their visitors.

A Burglar in Oakland.

While Mrs. Rudolph Brinkman was attending the wedding of the Rev. John H. Jensen at the German Presbyterian Church on Wednesday evening, a thief entered her residence on east Belleville Avenue, getting in through the cellar. He made his way up stairs and ransacked the house, taking with him twenty dollars in gold, all the money there was in the house and a lady's gold watch. Mrs. Brinkman did not discover her loss until she was about to retire. She immediately notified her neighbors, Thomas W. Smith and Charles Grieshaber. Mrs. Brinkman suspects a tramp who had been annoying her by demanding money. Upon her refusal he threatened to get square with her. She sent for Officer Baylis, but when he arrived the tramp had disappeared in the woods.

The Heat Made Her Insane.

Mary Hunt, a middle-aged English governess in the employ of R. N. Arms of Ridgewood Avenue, became suddenly insane at nine o'clock on Thursday night and aroused the neighborhood by her wild shrieks and hysterical laughter. Miss Hunt has been in this country but a short time and was continually complaining of the intense heat. On Thursday morning she went on an errand to the Centre, and upon her return was taken ill. Dr. John E. Wilson was summoned and he said she had been affected by the sun and advised that she be sent to the Mountaineer Hospital, which was not done, however, until she had become violent. She is slowly improving.

Death of Mrs. Baldwin.

Mrs. Annie Baldwin, widow of the late S. S. Baldwin, died at her home, No. 125 Franklin Street, on Thursday morning, of heart trouble, at the age of eighty-three years, after a year and a half's illness. Deceased was for many years a member of the First Baptist Church, which she regularly attended. She leaves three sons and one daughter. Funeral services will be conducted from her late residence by the Rev. Dr. Balentine this afternoon at two o'clock. Interment in the Bloomfield Cemetery.

Garden Thieves.

Numerous complaints have been made to the police of the depredations of garden thieves. They seem to confine themselves to the gardens and orchards along the line of the D. L. and W. R. R. from Watessing to Glen Ridge. A certain person is now under suspicion and will be arrested shortly.

Burglars Break and Away.

Burglars attempted to force an entrance into the residence of James Rutherford on Ridgewood Avenue last Tuesday night. The raising of the window set the burglar alarm off, awakening the household, and forcing the rascals to beat a hasty retreat.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

Westminster Society Will Help the Deserving Poor of Bloomfield.

The Christian Endeavor Society that was organized by the young people of Westminster Presbyterian Church last winter has proved a great success. The meetings have been better attended than ever before, many more have taken part in them, and the members say that the young people's meetings have been of more help to them than any of the other services. The Society is now to be made helpful to others, as well as to the members.

At the meeting last Sunday evening the leader stated that his attention had been called during the day to a poor family living in the town, the head of which was on his death-bed, who were utterly destitute, and liable to be turned out of their home unless their rent was paid. He suggested that the Society take the relief of this family into its hands, and said that now was a good time to organize a systematic plan of helping the deserving poor of Bloomfield.

In accordance with the suggestion a Missionary Committee is to be appointed, whose duty it will be to report such cases of destitution as they can find to the Society, and pecuniary or whatever other assistance is needed will be given.

Awaiting the Action of the Committee.

The young men interested in the enterprise which is to furnish a district messenger and telegraph service in the town are waiting patiently for the Town Committee to take some decided action in regard to the request of the company for permission to run wires through the streets of the town.

Mr. Lockwood of the Legal Committee reported the matter favorably on Monday afternoon, subject to the following provisions: Permission should be given to the parties as individuals and not as a corporation. The company must show to the Committee the consent in writing of the Western Union Telegraph Company and other companies to use their poles. No new poles are to be erected without the consent of property owners and the Town Committee. Under no circumstance is the franchise to be transferable. The restrictions are imposed for the express purpose of preventing the franchise falling into the hands of other parties than those whom it is intended by the Committee to encourage in a local enterprise.

The matter was referred back to Mr. Lockwood for further consideration, as the young men forming the company are all minors with the exception of W. H. Linder.

Thought They Should Ring the Bell.

Complaint has been made that the police of this town are too lax with the wheelmen, and that the ordinance relating to bicycle-riding on the sidewalk is flagrantly violated. The Township Committee should engage the services of Chief of Police Banta of Hackensack for a few weeks. He would doubtless enforce the ordinance with a vigor that would astound the intrepid wheelmen, as the following will show: "The Hackensack township authorities recently passed the lamp and bell ordinance to apply to bicyclists riding at night. Chief of Police Banta thought that the ordinance meant that the bells should be rung continuously and made two arrests. The bicyclists have protested and the town authorities agree with them in the opinion that Chief Banta exceeded his authority. The ordinance certainly has right on its side when interpreted intelligently by the police authorities."

Wedded in the German Church.

A pretty wedding took place in the German Presbyterian Church on Wednesday evening at six o'clock. The contracting parties were the Rev. John H. Jensen, pastor of the German Reformed Church of Flatbush, L. I., and Miss Kate, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Herrmann of Glenwood Avenue. The bride wore a pretty gown of white silk. The bridesmaids were Miss Katie Jensen, a sister of the groom, and Miss Gusale Folk of New York. The groomsmen were J. A. Jensen, Jr., and Herman C. Ficken of Canarsie. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Henry W. Seibert. F. J. A. W. Hock, Jacob Schmitt and Otto Dietrich were the ushers. A reception was held immediately after the ceremony at the residence of the bride on Glenwood Avenue. After a short wedding trip Mr. and Mrs. Jensen will reside in Flatbush.

Dr. Worcester in Glen Ridge.

The Rev. John Worcester, D. D., Professor of Systematic Theology in Union Theological Seminary, will preach in the Glen Ridge Congregational Church to-morrow morning and evening. Mr. Worcester has been prominent recently as a defender of Dr. Briggs, and only lately came from Chicago to occupy his chair in Union Seminary. Those hearing him preach will certainly enjoy the services greatly.

Shoenthat's, the leading shoe house, will be closed all day on Tuesday. Adv.

WATER IN GLEN RIDGE.

A Higher Pressure Needed than the Company Can Furnish.

Glen Ridge is very much in need of a high-pressure water service. It is conceded by the Orange Water Company that under the present conditions it is an impossibility for it to furnish an adequate supply to Glen Ridge. The company at one time talked of constructing a supply reservoir there, which would no doubt have proved effectual in supplying the locality. It is a serious drawback to one of the most thriving sections of the town to be thus poorly supplied with one of the most necessary attractions to its development. Members of the Township Committee are deeply impressed with this condition of affairs. It seems like extortion on the part of the water company to exact \$30 per annum for hydrants in that section of the town when they are fully aware that they are useless for any practical purpose. It also seems like a waste of money on the part of the Town Committee to order hydrants placed there. The property-owners there insist on having the water-main, and the company will not extend the main unless the hydrants are ordered. The company, it should be stated, is not at all anxious to extend the main in the Glen Ridge district, as they are aware of the dissatisfaction with the service that exists there. The erection of a supply reservoir in Glen Ridge would necessarily involve an outlay of considerable money. The contract with the Orange Water Company expires shortly, and it is not at all certain that it will be renewed, consequently the company cannot be expected to go to any great expenditure on its plant in this town. If the people of Glen Ridge want a special supply reservoir it will probably have to be procured by private subscription after the manner pursued by the people of Englewood. The contract has been signed between the Township Committee and the Hackensack Water Company by which Englewood will have high-pressure water service. The Township Committee have appropriated \$1,300 and citizens have subscribed \$2,800, making the \$4,000 guarantee required by the water company. For this amount 35 high-pressure hydrants with lower service will be put on the hill, and wherever the service is now insufficient.

Tuesday's Excursion.

The iron steamboat *Tulchester*, which is to convey the excursion of Essex Hook and Ladder Company to Iona Island next Tuesday, has a Government license to carry 1,600 passengers, so that no one need fear overcrowding. It should be borne in mind that the excursion train leaves the Belleville Avenue depot of the New York and Greenwood Lake Railroad at 8.28 A. M. The excursion will not be postponed on account of rain. The members of the Company have made careful preparations for the management of it, and feel safe in assuring their friends that, weather permitting, a very enjoyable day will be spent. A picture of Iona Island, on exhibition in the window of Scherff's drug-store, gives a very fair idea of the island and its surroundings. By special arrangement with the Meyer's Excursion Company no other excursion will be allowed to land on the island that day, and Bloomfielders and their friends will enjoy a monopoly. Prof. William Maier's orchestra will discourse music on the way up and down the river. Refreshments will be obtainable on the boat, but no intoxicating liquors will be sold on board. The excursion will leave the island at an hour that will admit of reaching home at a reasonable time.

The Company's expenses in connection with the excursion are very heavy, but the indications are that it will be a social and financial success. Several hundred people no doubt are anxiously looking for a fine day next Tuesday.

Mrs. Samuel Evoland.

The funeral of Mrs. Samuel Evoland last Saturday was largely attended, her many friends and neighbors paying tribute to her Christian character. Rev. R. B. Collins and Rev. Stephen Baldwin, D. D., officiated. Six nephews carried her to her last resting-place in the Bloomfield Cemetery. She had been a resident of this town twenty-six years and a member of the Park M. E. Church. She was a daughter of the late Josiah W. Crane, one of the early settlers of Cranetown, now called Montclair, and one of eleven children, all of whom are dead except two sisters. Rev. John N. Crane, who died July 9, was a brother. Her life was one of devotion to her children, marked by unselfishness and gentleness.

Ready to Parade.

The Second Ward Republican Club have selected and ordered their new uniforms. The outfit will be very pretty, consisting of cap and trousers of white, trimmed with blue. The company is drilling faithfully, and will no doubt rank with such clubs as the Frelinghuysen Lancers and others.

Happy and content is a home with "The Rochester," a lamp with the light of the morning. Call on Rochester Lamp Co., 65 Park Place, N. Y.

THIS YEAR'S TAX RATE.

Ignoring the Million-Dollar Increase It Will Be Much Lower.

Assessor Baxter, having been instructed by the Township Committee to leave out the one million dollars added to the township's valuations by the County Board of Assessors last week, has revised his figures, and gives the following as the rates for this year:

First District.....\$2.34

Second District.....2.74

Third District.....2.86

Fourth District.....2.76

Wheelmen Elect Officers.

At a regular meeting of the Bloomfield Cyclers held last Monday night the following officers were elected: President, Howard B. Davis; Vice-President, William S. Phinzer, Jr.; Treasurer, William B. Dodd; Recording Secretary, E. Walter Morris; Corresponding Secretary, Harry Lake; Board of Trustees, H. B. Davis, W. S. Phinzer, Fred J. Hall, Harry Thomas, J. H. Tryon; Road Committee, Charles T. Coggeshall, F. M. Coslett, J. M. Unangst. A committee was also appointed to procure uniforms and coat of uniforms to be submitted at a special meeting to be held in Spragg's Pavilion next Monday night. A club run to Pompton will be had this afternoon, leaving the Centre at three o'clock. Dinner will be had at the Norton House, Pompton, and the home run will be made by moonlight. Next Monday evening, after the meeting, the club will attend the lawn fete of the Belleville Wheelmen.

The Montgomery Street Bridge.

If the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company could be induced to build a bridge across the canal at Montgomery Street after the plan submitted to the Town Committee on Monday by Surveyor Olmsted, it would meet the requirements of the place in a manner highly satisfactory to the community. The plan calls for a structure thirty-six feet wide and about thirty feet in length, resting on iron girders, with provision for running the water pipe under the bridge. It also provides for a passageway under the bridge for the mules and horses, and thus avoids the blocking of the street by the tow rope, which is at present an annoyance to drivers and pedestrians. It is not likely that the Lehigh Valley Company will agree to the building of a structure involving the expense apparent in carrying out Mr. Olmsted's plan. There is an appropriation of \$500 by the town towards the expense.

May Produce Good Results.

Overseer of the Poor C. L. Voorhees approves of the sentiments expressed by a correspondent of THE CITIZEN last week in regard to the poor-house. Mr. Voorhees has made several personal endeavors to arouse an interest among the Christian women of this town in connection with the place, but without success. He is glad that others are taking an interest in the matter and hopes that the agitation will be productive of good results.

The A. M. E. Church.

The Rev. Thomas Chase of Irvington will hold his first all day meeting at Dodd's Hall on Sunday, August 14. Love feast in the morning at ten o'clock. At eleven o'clock the Rev. Francis Smith of Jersey City will preach. In the afternoon the Rev. Joseph Morgan, D. D., the presiding elder of the Newark conference, will speak. In the evening the Rev. Thomas Chase will deliver the sermon. A large number from Orange, Newark, and Jersey City will attend. The sister churches and public are cordially invited.

Phonix Hose Meets.

The regular monthly meeting of Phonix Hose Company was held at the home-house on Wednesday night. Chas. G. Clark, who sent his resignation last January, was present and requested that his resignation be accepted. The matter was laid over until the next meeting. The question of taking articles from the home-house without the permission of the foreman was discussed and hereafter his permission will have to be obtained in that respect.

Inspector Corby Prevents an Assault.

The opportune arrival of Health Board Inspector W. B. Corby prevented a dastardly attempt to stab a woman on Bloomfield Avenue last Saturday. An Italian man and woman were quarrelling on the roadside and the man raised a pair of scissors with which to stab the woman. Mr. Corby caught him in the act and threatened him with instant arrest. The man fled.

Thieves Haunted a House.

The residence of H. G. Rogers, corner of Park and Bloomfield Avenues, was broken into during the family's absence 68 Monday, entrance being effected by breaking open the cellar-door. Nothing was disturbed in the upper portion of the house, but from the cellar a large quantity of canned goods, provisions, etc., were stolen. It is supposed the thieves were tramps.

EAST ORANGE'S SEWAGE.

WATSESSING PEOPLE ALARMED BY A RUMOR THAT IT IS TO BE BURNED.

Fears That It Will Become a Nuisance—Health Inspector Corby Will Be Appealed to.

Residents of Watessing are very much agitated over the proposal of the East Orange township officials to erect a crematory at the Disposal Works on Glenwood Avenue for the purpose of burning the refuse from the works. At the present time the sewage that arrives at the works is supposed to be chemically treated and pressed and the offal carted to the East Orange poor farm and buried there. The stuff is said to be useless as a fertilizing material and is accumulating in such quantities that it has become a serious problem what to do with it. It costs the town about \$700 a year for cartage. The plan to burn it will effectually make away with the stuff and save the township the expense of cartage.

The Disposal Works is denounced as a nuisance by the people residing near it, and it is believed that the new scheme will make it much more so. This matter affects the people of this town more than it does that of East Orange. If it proves a nuisance it will be the people of this town who will suffer from it and not the people of East Orange.

The experiment of burning the refuse was tried at the works some time ago. It created such a stench that Samuel H. Baxter, who was then Health Inspector, was appealed to and had it stopped.

In locating the disposal works where they did the East Orange authorities seem to have acted on the theory that Bloomfield was of no consequence, and its people could not readily distinguish between the odor of muck and roses. No such thing as the disposal works would have been tolerated in the vicinity of Main Street, East Orange. The Township Committee of Bloomfield should inform itself as to the intention of East Orange in respect to this new move at the disposal works. Bloomfield's vigilant Health Inspector should be on the alert, and if he can succeed in doing away with the works by having it condemned as a nuisance he will confer a benefit on his own town.

This town is now spending thousands of dollars to get rid of its own sewage. The stuff now run into Second River by East Orange is just as filthy as if the sewage was run directly into the stream, and if it is to be tolerated the building of an outlet sewer is an unnecessary expense, for Bloomfield could make direct use of the stream, and has as much right to do so as East Orange. The public will look to Inspector Corby in this matter. He has the law on his side, and it is expected he will be adroit enough not to be hoodwinked by East Orange.

A Double Funeral in Watessing.

A double funeral, in charge of Undertaker A. B. McDougall, took place in Watessing Thursday afternoon, when John Bausewein, aged sixty-six, and his wife Mary, aged sixty-five, were buried. Mr. Bausewein died on Monday from heart trouble, and his wife died on Wednesday from paralysis and dropsy. Both had been ill for a long time. The Rev. Dr. H. W. Seibert of the German Presbyterian Church officiated at the funeral. Mr. and Mrs. Bausewein were residents of this town about thirty-five years. Mr. Bausewein was a hatter by occupation, and had of late conducted a grocery store on Willow Street. They leave three children, August Bausewein, Rachel, wife of Charles Simcox, and Louisa, wife of William Bonton.

Watessing Notes.

Mr. Stephen Gilson spent the week at Ocean Grove.

Mrs. John Greenbank spent the week at Chester, Sussex County.

Sylvan B. Downs has again taken up his residence in Watessing.

The Rev. Elbert Clement will go to Sullivan County on the 13th inst.

A flagstone sidewalk has been laid by Contractor Callahan on Grace Street.

Mrs. William Irwin went to Asbury Park on Saturday to remain a month.

Mrs. Wyckliffe Hardman has been staying at Ocean Grove during the week.

Mrs. Joshua Taylor and the Misses Mary and Jennie Wilde returned this week from their visit to Schoharie County, N. Y.

That section of Dodd Street from Watessing Centre to the East Orange line has been improved with a covering of broken stone.

The petition of Watessing patrons of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad for a ten-trip strip ticket for \$1 has been sent into the company's office.

The Epworth League of the Watessing M. E. Church will hold a lawn party on the afternoon and evening of the 13th on the lawn of Messrs. Adrian Dickerson and William Ellor, Bloomfield Avenue. A concert will be given in the evening. The proceeds will go towards the church building fund.